

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: JUNE 22, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: WOOD
GIRARD
FRASIER
BROCK
SEEBER
SIMPSON
MONTESI
MACDONALD

OTHERS PRESENT:

SHAWN LAMOUREE, UNDERSHERIFF
MARCY FLORES, PUBLIC DEFENDER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MARY KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, WARREN COUNTY BUDGET OFFICER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
CHRISTINE SCANLON, *SUN COMMUNITY NEWS*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
VANSELOW
BRAYMER

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 22, 2016 meeting of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/criminal/>

Ms. Wood called the meeting of the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee to order at 11:24 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Shawn Lamouree, Undersheriff, who distributed copies of his agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing his agenda review Mr. Lamouree presented a request to appropriate \$9,500 from the Computer Reserve Fund, to Budget Code A.3110 220.1, Sheriff's Law Enforcement, Office Equipment Reserve, for the purchase of laptop computers and related equipment and software for six patrol cars.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. MacDonald and carried unanimously to approve the request and to forward same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Lamouree provided an update on the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) permit for the Maggie's Road radio tower in the Town of Warrensburg. He informed the APA had granted the permit and the site was prepared with construction of the tower underway.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Marcy Flores, Public Defender, who distributed copies of her agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Flores informed the Committee new Legislation for a Public Defense Mandate Relief had passed and would commence in April of 2023, which she said would take over funding for public defense. She added beginning April 1, 2017 the State would reimburse 25% of the expenses for providing counsel and services the first year and increase 10% each year thereafter.

Continuing, Ms. Flores spoke of the problems with off-hour arraignments, she read from a hand out on the statistics of arraignments for the month of May and a brief discussion ensued.

Commencing her agenda review Ms. Flores presented a request to amend the Departmental Table of Organization and Salary Schedule to hire two additional attorneys and a secretary. She expressed the request for additional staff was due to the anticipated increase in cases related to the lower application standard for clients along with the addition of the new Family Court Judge. She indicated there was a 26% increase in the work for her office over the span of five months and she reviewed case numbers over the last two years. She informed there was no grant funding for additional personnel and she did not have the funding in her budget. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion was made by Mr. Montesi, seconded by Mr. Girard and carried by majority vote, with Supervisors Seeber and MacDonald voting in opposition to approve the request and refer same to the Finance, Personnel & Higher Education Committee. **Note: Subsequent to the meeting, Ms. Flores withdrew her request for additional staff due to a delay in legislation.**

A brief discussion ensued regard the hiring of addition staff in the Public Defender's Office.

There being no further business to come before the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Girard and seconded by Mrs. Frasier, Ms. Wood adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Senior Legislative Office Specialist
(As typed by Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist)